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WHITSUNDAY OFFERING SUGGESTED FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Every Congregation in the Diocese must have been saddened as they learned of the ruinous fire, during the night of December 20th, that destroyed the buildings of the Church of St. Thomas in West Philadelphia, the oldest Negro Parish in our whole Church. Yet every Congregation in the Diocese would have rejoiced had they known of the hundreds and hundreds of expressions of sympathy, offers of help and actual acts of generosity and kindness that flowed in to the Rector of St. Thomas and his people as a result of the catastrophe from Christians of every name, Jewish brethren and even non-church attendants.

This disastrous fire is a calamity to St. Thomas' Congregation beyond their ability to meet alone. Under stress of economy, the insurance was only ninety thousand dollars, of which only eighty per cent is applicable, and at present day costs, a new church could not be built for three or more times that amount. Bishop Hart, recognizing the great need, presented the problem to the Executive Committee of the Executive Council of the Diocese. The members of the Executive Committee unanimously agreed that St. Thomas' catastrophe was a Diocesan affair, a challenge to every other Congregation to translate sympathy into financial aid.

Bishop Hart appointed a committee of three, Dr. Long, Secretary of the Diocese, Dr. Bomberger, Dean of the Convocation of West Philadelphia and Dr. Niblo, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council, who were to confer and act in an advisory capacity to the Church of St. Thomas in the matter of rebuilding and to set in motion whatever plan seemed most effective for rendering financial aid. The Committee has met and conferred with the Rev. Jesse F. Anderson, Rector of St. Thomas, and decided to make this first report to the Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese.

While St. Thomas plans for the future are not completed as to details, enough is known for the Committee to submit this preliminary plan for aiding that Parish in securing a new Church and Parish House. The cost of rebuilding would doubtless be around $300,000.00. The members of the Congregation are already raising funds among themselves and the large number of friends in West Philadelphia. They are inaugurating new sets of Church envelopes in triplicate the third position

This is St. Thomas Church, 52d and Parrish Streets, destroyed by fire Dec. 20, as it appeared when purchased in 1942.

each week to go to the building fund. They hope in this way to raise $150,000.00 in five years, this along with the insurance will enable them to pay rent for their temporary hall-church and devote some $200,000.00 for the new church building. This leaves about $100,000.00 to be secured from other sources.

The Committee suggests that every Congregation in the Diocese make a pledge toward this needed sum, the full amount to be paid within a year of the date of the fire. Cards for the purpose of noting the amounts to be given will be sent out after Easter. We suggest the first offering towards this pledge be given as a result of a united Whitsunday offering in the Diocese. This is truly the work of the Church in extending Christ's Kingdom at home, home missions in our own Diocese. Pray for the success of this plan and for our members of St. Thomas.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN H. A. BOMBERGER

CHARLES H. LONG

JAMES M. NIBLO

For the Executive Council.

A Message from the Rector

St. Thomas Church is looking forward to making plans for the future, within a short time. At the present it looks as if the present church will be restored. Endeavors were made to investigate the possibility of purchasing one of the already existing churches in the community to no avail.

At the present the church is fairly comfortably situated. We have a rented Hall, at 52nd and Haverford Avenue, which provides for Early and Week Day Services and Week Day Activities. Our 10:30 Service is held at the Fans Theatre at Preston and Market Streets. We are planning a full Lenten Program, with daily services and expect to present a large Confirmation Class on March 9, at the Holy Apostles' and The Mediator, at 4:00 p.m.

Over 5000 letters have come in with nickels or more, from all over the country. The people of the Parish will be making a Five Year Pledge for the Rebuilding Program, on Ash Wednesday. Our Parish Goal is 150,000 dollars. Of course in order to rebuild adequately we shall need the assistance of our many friends.

Very sincerely yours,

JESSE F. ANDERSON, *Rector*

SERVICES HAVE STARTED WHERE NEW CHURCH IS BEING BUILT

The congregation of the new Episcopal church of St. Jude and the Nativity, now under construction on Germantown Pike near Joshua Rd., Barren Hill, Whitemarsh township, held its first services Feb. 3, in the Barren Hill fire house.

This beginning was decided at a community meeting held in the Annie H. Wilson room of the Plymouth Meeting Friends' Meeting House, Germantown and Butler Pks., Plymouth township, with the Right Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pennsylvania, presiding.

An assemblage of more than 100 persons filled every available seat in the room and occupied a section of a bench that extended on all four sides of the room. Bishop Hart, his secretary, Rev. Charles Long, and Joseph Cuza, secretary of the vestry of St. Jude and the Nativity Church, welcomed the group personally as they arrived.

Bishop Hart called the meeting to order and after a prayer by Rev. Dr. Long, a word of welcome was extended by Hon. George C. Corson, Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Montgomery County, through whom the meeting place was provided. Judge Corson said it was not only a privilege but that the Friends were happy to have the meeting held there.

Among clergymen who had a part in the meeting were Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, and Dean of the Convocation of Norristown; Rev. Stanley R. West, rector of Calvary Church, Conshohocken, and Rev. Richard O. Partington, the recently appointed vicar of the new mission.

Bishop Hart, in speaking of the new mission, explained that the original church in Philadelphia had been sold and it was decided to relocate the parish in a growing community and the site in Whitemarsh township was selected as the logical place.

Much enthusiasm was expressed over the fact the mission is to be established and a number present accepted the challenge of Dean Groton that the laymen take hold and establish a Sunday School and meet in the various homes until the rectory is completed and Rev. Mr. Partington can move into the community to take over the duties.

For the temporary arrangement in the fire house an altar was lent by St. Thomas' Church, the only other Episcopal congregation in the 17-square-mile township. The Rev. Donald Gardner, assistant to the Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, rector of St. Thomas', conducted the service. He will continue this service until the Rev. Richard O. Partington, vicar of the new church, can assume the post.

Work on the new rectory is expected to be completed about April 1. Ground for the new $65,000 church was broken last September. The church building is expected to be completed in October.

BE OF SERVICE TO THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

The following note was received by the rector of one of our parishes from a man in the Army:

"Thank you very much for your note and THE CHURCH NEWS. No, I do not have the Episcopal Service Cross and Service Book. To tell you the truth, I did not know that they existed."

Do the men from your parish who are serving in the Armed Forces know about the Episcopal Service Cross and Service Book?

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY PRAISES CHAPLAINS

Military chaplains not only play a vital role in maintaining a "good, sound and spiritual" Army but perform a service to the entire nation by imbuing soldiers with the "orderliness and cleanliness of mind and spirit" required for world leadership in the years ahead, Secretary of the Army, Frank Pace, Jr., told a recent conference of supervisory Army chaplains in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Pace also said that the task of supplying qualified clergymen for the chaplaincy was both a grave responsibility as well as a great opportunity.

Bishop Hart's Message

In January we had four Regional Conferences to consider the whole matter of Proportionate Shares. I do not know what others learned at these Conferences but I learned several things. I discovered that many of our people do not know that their offering for Missions covers missionary work within our own Diocese as well as that throughout the United States and abroad. A layman suggested that where a duplex pledge is used, the side for others be designated "For Diocese and General Church" and not just "For Missions" as is the case in many parishes.

I also discovered that there was a great lack of understanding about the procedure followed in arriving at the Proportionate Share. The exact Mathematical Quota is figured out for us by our Public Accountants. Any Vestry, desiring it, can secure from the Church House a statement of the method used by the Accountants. The Deans of Convocation and the Budget Committee use the Mathematical Quota as a basis for arriving at the Proportionate Share. It cannot be stressed too often that the Proportionate Share is merely a suggested figure. No parish is obligated to accept it. Some do not. Some gladly give more. I should like to see us reach the point where we would not assign any figure whatever and leave it to the missionary zeal of the several congregations to determine the amount that they will give for the work of the Diocese and General Church. The Diocese of Alabama does it this way and it is interesting to note that for 1951, as well as for the seven preceding years, the Diocese of Alabama was the first Diocese to complete payment of its full Quota for the work of the General Church. I am sure that our people will support generously the Church's work if it is properly presented and if the Vestry makes it as easy as possible for them to do so.

It was also clearly demonstrated that our methods of communication in the Diocese leave much to be desired. Many of those attending the Conferences seemed never to have heard of our Diocesan paper, THE CHURCH NEWS. One layman said, "I am a graduate of X University. I pay my dues to the Alumni Association and those dues cover my subscription to the Alumni monthly. I am a member of our Vestry. Why shouldn't I receive the Diocesan monthly in the same way?" Our Convention in May will be asked to put in the budget an item to cover the cost of sending THE CHURCH NEWS to every Vestryman in the Diocese. We would love to have every Vestryman become a reader of THE CHURCH NEWS and to send us suggestions and criticisms.

There also seemed to be considerable confusion about the average annual contribution of Episcopalians to Missions. According to the statistics of giving just published by the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the annual average giving of Episcopalians for Foreign Missions is $1.23. This places us 26th in the list of 53 churches mentioned. First place is occupied by the Seventh-Day Adventists with an annual average contribution of $30.05. The annual average gift per member for "total benevolence" (which I presume means for work outside one's own parish) was $5.58 which places us 37th in the list of 53. We make a better showing in support of our own parishes. There the average is $32.08 which places us 22nd on the list.

The Joint Committee to study the structure and organization of the General Convention appointed at General Convention in San Francisco in 1949 has just issued its Report. Among its fourteen recommendations is one approving and heartily recommending the practice of some bishops in having a pre-Convention meeting of elected Deputies and Diocesan leaders, including former Deputies, to discuss questions, issues and procedure to come before General Convention. The Committee urges the extension of this practice throughout the Church. It is my purpose to have such a meeting after our Deputies have been elected by our own Diocesan Convention and to invite interested Diocesan leaders to be present.

I hope that this Lent is proving to be a most helpful one for all the Diocese.

YOUR BISHOP

Oliver J. Hart

DIOCESAN CONVENTION MAY 5th AND 6th, 1952

The Annual Convention will meet in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, beginning 5 p.m., May 5th.

In order to facilitate business it is expected, with the consent of the Convention to close nominations for offices at 5:30 and to prepare the ballot for voting. The polls will open at 7 o'clock and close at 7:45. The next ballot will be taken on Tuesday morning after the Service of Holy Communion and after the report of the tellers on the results of the 1st ballot. Monday night, May 5th, at 8 o'clock Bishop Hart will address the Convention. This will be the only address given at this Service.

The Clergy of the Diocese are requested to be in procession vested. The Standing Committee also will be in procession.

Invitation to all members of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is extended to be present at this service Monday, May 5th at 8 p.m.

CHARLES H. LONG, *Secretary of the Convention.*

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you heard the joyful news that, after many years, we are going to have a Diocesan Dinner on Monday, May 26th? Do you remember the good times we had at the old Penn Athletic Club where we sat at dinner together, sang our favorite hymns together and together listened to some outstanding speaker? Then the Club moved to smaller quarters; the war came and our Diocesan Dinners became happy memories. Recently we shared a glorious experience: the greatest experience this diocese has ever known—the Bryan Green Mission. Now it is our privilege to carry on that experience. In many parishes this is being done in various ways but can you think of a better way to recapture the joy and enthusiasm, the information and fellowship of those evenings in Convention Hall than by sharing a family dinner party for all the members of the Diocese? We have found a place large enough to hold us all and, very important on an evening in May, a place that is air conditioned.

The speaker will be the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris, D.D., rector of Trinity Church, Boston. Hard to get this very busy, much-in-demand clergyman, but Bishop Hart managed it and Dr. Ferris is coming!

Further details will reach you presently. The important thing now is to mark the date on your calendar and then let nothing interfere with your presence at Pennsylvania's family reunion. There is a place set for you that no one else can occupy. Neither of our Bishops has seen his whole family together at dinner. This will be an excellent opportunity for us all to reaffirm our confidence in their leadership and our intention loyally to support them in the crucial days ahead.

The time—Monday evening, May 26th at 6:30
The place—the Broadwood Hotel
The price—$3.75 each

Anyone whose privilege it was to look into the faces of the women who came to the Presidents' Meeting on Wednesday, January 30th, felt a great sense of thankfulness for the present leadership of the women in parish and mission branches and great hope for the future usefulness of the work of the women of this Diocese. There was a complete absence of that "embalmed dignity" about which we used to read (but never saw in this Diocese), but there was an abundance of alert, enthusiastic interest in knowing and carrying out our great task.

After a brief reminder of our ideals and objectives and certain brief but practical suggestions as to how to reach these, from various diocesan officers, the meeting was turned over to an informal discussion, between those present, of problems common to us all. This discussion brought forth intelligent questions, thoughtful answers, and honest expression of varying opinions. There was a general feeling of friendly co-operation on all sides. The suggestion that an A.B.C. Class in Woman's Work in the Church be held next fall, was received with hearty approval. The question of a yearly, comprehensive Questionnaire from the Department of Promotion was recommended as a source of information helpful to parish branches as well as to department heads. We only hope the "Presidents" got half as much real help from the meeting as did the Diocesan officers who were present. The next Presidents' Meeting will take the form of our Annual Program Preview on Wednesday, April 30th.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Rt. Rev. Karl M. Block, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of California, will be the preacher at the United Thank Offering Service on Thursday, April 24th, at 8 p.m. in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

The Lenten meeting of the Church Periodical Club, March 28, will be addressed by the Rev. Harry S. Longley, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square. Promptness is urged, as the address will be given at 10:30 a.m.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY EPISCOPAL DAY FOR BLIND

The Episcopal Day for the Blind, Monday, Mar. 24, will continue from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Gimbel Brothers' Store. There will be an exhibition of work done by the blind. Radio, TV, and other distinguished persons will be on hand. A delicious lunch will be served at low cost. Come and bring your friends. This is your day. Help to make it a real success. This Monday program is just the beginning of the 25th anniversary of Educational Week for the Blind.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—MARCH 25

This beautiful feast day of the church has particularly precious significance for the women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for we welcome this happy morning by coming together for our annual corporate communion and breakfast. Started in the year 1944, it is now part of our rule of life and has its place in any special devotions and discipline in preparing us to have the Risen Life more perfectly. Tuesday, March 25 is the date for the Annual Corporate Communion and breakfast for all the women of the Diocese. It will be held as usual in historic Christ Church, 2d above Market St., at 8 a.m. Bishop Armstrong will be the celebrant, assisted by the rector. The speaker at breakfast in the Neighborhood House will be the Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, dean of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh. His topic: "A Tonic for Great Living." Please make reservations for breakfast (price 75c) at the Woman's Auxiliary Office not later than Mar. 21. Telephone: LOcust 7-6650.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY CALENDAR

The women of the Chester Convocation are aiming at a goal of $2,500 by the time of their May meeting. $2,000 for expansion at St. Peter's, Broomall; $500 for emergency needs in the Convocation. Officers are: President, Mrs. C. Fenno Hoffman, Radnor; Vice-President, Mrs. Benjamin M. Fowler, Jr., 33 Glenbrook Rd., Ardmore; Secretary, Mrs. Vernon Matthews, 2611 W. Franklin Ave., Broomall; Treasurer, Miss Martha L. Gibbons, 264 Montgomery Ave., Haverford.

The Convocation of Norristown will hold two Educational Days during March. Mar. 4, St. Thomas, Whitemarsh; Mar. 18, St. James, Evansburg, between Norristown and Collegeville. The respective topics will be "Latin America and Brazil" and "Churches for our Country Needs." Both days run from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own sandwiches.

The Rev. W. Francis Allison presented the over all picture of the domestic field at the meeting of the Domestic Committee on Feb. 13. Mr. Lawrence E. Lindley of the Indian Rights Association spoke to the Indians' Hope Association Feb. 26. Mrs. Elaine Pollard spoke on St. Augustine's College at the meeting of the Committee on Negro Work Feb. 6. The

Diocesan Evening Auxiliary had a panel discussion on "Two-thirds of the World" at the Churchwoman's Club on Feb. 20.

MEN AND WOMEN FROM HERE SERVE THE CHURCH EVERYWHERE

The Department of Christian Education has compiled the following list of Missionaries from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Be sure to remember them and pray for them.

The Rev. R. Gonsales-Agueros
Holy Trinity Cathedral
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Vedado, Havana, Cuba

The Rev. Packard L. Okie
From Christ Church, Philadelphia
St. John's School
Robertsport, Liberia, Africa

The Rev. William L. Ziadie
From St. John's, Norristown
Church of St. Mark
Puerto Limon, Costa Rica

Sister Annie Horner, C.A.
From St. Ambrose, Philadelphia
Pine Ridge Indian Mission
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

The Rev. Howard T. Laycock
From Redeemer, Springfield
St. Thomas Mission
Point Hope, Alaska

The Rev. William R. Grosh
From Christ Church & St. Michael's
St. John's-by-the-Sea
Kahaluu, Oahu, Hawaii

The Rev. Edmund L. Souder
From St. Paul's, Overbrook
Church of St. Mark
Honolulu, Hawaii

The Rev. Paul M. Washington
From St. Monica's, Philadelphia
Cuttington College Chapel
Suakoko, Liberia, Africa

Miss Elsie C. Waitz
From St. Philip's, Philadelphia
Appalachian School
Penland, North Carolina

The Rev. Robert Sheeran
From St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Church of the Holy Apostles
Box 881, Hilo, Hawaii

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

Mar. 4, Switzerland (illustrated), Miss Emma Osborne Thompson; Mar. 11, Miss Maude Cutler, Dean of Women, P.D.S.; Mar. 18, "Bells of Valley Forge," Rev. John Robbins Hart; Mar. 25, the Hon. George Wharton Pepper.

HOUSE OF REST CARD PARTY

Plans are under way for the House of Rest Benefit Card Party. The Chairman, Mrs. Thomas Carroll has secured the Wanamaker Auditorium for Thursday April 24th. There will be a Fashion Show with Music, Mystery Packages at 50 cents each, Door Prizes and a Table Prize. The tables are five dollars each. Be sure to save this date. Your presence, as well as your contribution, help in the support of this Happy Home for the Aged.

LENTEN QUIET DAYS

At St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Ave., Phila. 44, Pa., there will be a Lenten Quiet Day, Tuesday, March 4th, 1952. Holy Eucharist 8:30 a.m., First Meditation 10:15 a.m. Day closes at 3:15 p.m. Conductor: The Rev. William I. Edwards.

A Lenten Quiet Evening will be held Saturday, March 29th from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Conductor: The Rev. David O. Trauger.

Please register early with the Sister-in-Charge—VIctor 4-4612.

MORE QUEER CHURCHES

By The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves
Chairman, Parochial History Committee

Some of us may think that every Church is queer, like the woman who said, "Every one is queer, except thee and me, and sometimes me thinks that thee is queer too." Parochial histories often reveal some unusual events that are worth retelling.

There is a **Church in which People Can't Sit Still,** which is of course Old St. Peter's, at 3rd and Pine. Opened in 1761, shortly thereafter, for some unknown reason, the Pulpit and Reading Desk were put at one end of the Church, and the Lord's Table at the other end. The Pews are of the box type, with some seats facing the Pulpit, and some facing the Lord's Table. They are probably what were then called family pews, in which children and parents were boxed together. Ordinarily, if one desires to look at the preacher or reader, he must sit in the seat facing that way, and then during the Communion Service he must change his position to face the Lord's Table.

No one seems to know why the Church was arranged this way. It is with great ceremony that the minister is escorted by the verger from one end of the Church to the other, to conduct services. It is said that one of the rubrics appearing in our earlier Prayer Books was so worded to enable Bishop White, the rector at one time, to say the first part of Holy Communion at the place where Morning Prayer was appointed to be said, and thus avoid an extra journey up and down the aisle.

Many Churches have longed for Bells to call their people to divine service. Before you get those Bells, hear the story of the **Church with the Unwelcome Bells.** St. Mark's Church at 16th and Locust, now 100 years old, decided years ago that they would like to have Bells. Four large bells, part of a chime, were ordered from England, and installed during the summer of 1876. Before each and every service on Sundays, and on every day of the week, they were rung for ten or twenty minutes. Immediately the residents of the neighborhood objected, because they were harsh, loud, sharp, clanging and discordant. They claimed the walls of their houses were shaken, their rest disturbed, their minds distracted, the sick distressed, and the real estate values depreciated.

In 1877 the officials of St. Mark's Church were taken into court to restrain them from the ringing of the bells as a public nuisance. It was a very remarkable trial, with doctors, architects, theological professors, scientists, real estate experts, and a host of others appearing as witnesses. A volume of 500 pages has been written upon the case. An injunction was placed against the Church, restraining them from ringing the bells, so as to cause nuisance or annoyance, and we believe the injunction still stands.

We understand that in Russia many Churches have been turned into Museums. But right here in Philadelphia, we have a **Church that Became a Museum.** The Church of the Evangelists, located on Catherine Street, between 7th and 8th Streets, started in 1837. In 1885 at the above location, a beautiful Church modeled after an Italian Cathedral was built. The walls were covered with frescoes, the choir and sanctuary paved and lined with marble. There were statues and pictures and stained glass, and the pulpit and rood screen were of marble. Within a few years, the changing neighborhood made the Church of no use. After

several experiments, the buildings were finally sold in 1922 to Samuel S. Fleisher, a well known Philadelphia art collector. Many ecclesiastical art treasures were installed, and the buildings became an art center for students, and was known at one time as the Graphic Sketch Club. It is now the Fleisher Memorial, and is well worth a visit. The Church has lost none of its original beauty, though it has become a museum.

LENT IN CENTRAL CHURCHES

In addition to lists of noon-day preachers published last month, we print herewith additional information concerning Lenten services in some of our central city churches.

St. Luke and the Epiphany

At the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 330 S. 13th St., special Lenten Services began on Ash Wednesday with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 12:15 Noon. Dr. Walter M. Haushalter, Rector, brings a brief message at each Wednesday noon Service during Lent. The period is specially designed for busy office workers. The Three Hour Good Friday service of St. Luke and the Epiphany last year was attended by twelve hundred and fifty persons. The Good Friday Service this year will be adorned by Choir Music and eight addresses by Dr. Haushalter on "The Cross and the Crucifix."

St. Mark's

Special services during Lent at St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust St., are reported as follows:

Monday through Friday—Holy Eucharist, 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday—Address, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays—Stations of the Cross, 8 p.m. (the rector)

Wednesdays—Inquirer's Class, 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays—School of Religion, "The Life of Prayer"—5:15 p.m. (the assistant)

St. Stephen's

At St. Stephen's Church, 10th St., above Chestnut, a Christian Healing Mission will be conducted by the Rev. John Gayner Banks. On Sunday, Mar. 9, services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon., Tues., and Wed., Mar. 10, 11, and 12, the hours will be 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m. There will be a question box, intercessions, literature, and a daily offering for this ministry.

Christ Church

A new departure in mid-day Lenten services is being inaugurated at Christ Church, under the leadership of the Rector, the Rev. E. A. de Bordenave. In addition to distinguished visiting clergymen, who will speak on Wednesdays, laymen will occupy the pulpit on Thursdays.

These laymen represent leadership in various fields. Lead-off man is Joseph S. Clark, newly elected Mayor of Philadelphia, followed in order by William K. Ruffin, Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, Tilford F. Dudley, Assistant Director of the Political Action Committee of the C.I.O., Dr. Horace M. Bond, President of Lincoln University, Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, Governor of Maryland, Robert Montgomery, producer of Television shows and George Wharton Pepper, ex-senator of Pennsylvania and outstanding churchman.

The clergy speakers are headed by world famous theologian Reinhold Niebuhr on Ash Wednesday. Succeeding Wednesdays will bring, in order, the Rev. Leland Stark, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Editor of the Christian Herald, Admiral Stanton W. Salisbury, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Navy, The Rev. James A. Pike, Dean, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pennsylvania and the Rt. Rev. Theodore R. Ludlow, Suffragan Bishop of Newark, N. J.

Noonday services will be held at Christ Church from 12:30 to 1 each weekday (excluding Saturday) during Lent, February 27 through April 11. Guest speakers, clergymen and laymen, will be featured each Wednesday and Thursday.

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, the Rector, the Rev. E. A. de Bordenave, and the Assistant to the Rector, the Rev. William Eckman, will officiate. The Rector will conduct the 3 hour service on Good Friday. Sunday services are at 9 and 11 A.M.

GENERAL CONVENTION SEAL

Seal for the 57th General Convention, Boston, Sept. 8-19, 1952. Christ Church (the old North Church), the Rt. Rev. Edward Bass, first bishop of Massachussetts, a Puritan early settler.

BRYAN GREEN MISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts from offerings at Convention Hall	$22,732.79
Receipts from all other sources	$ 1,852.25
Total of all contributions	$24,585.04
Expenses	
Printing & Stationery	$ 5,463.01
Publicity	$ 2,222.09
Place of meeting (includes rent of hall, rent of chairs, Insurance, Labor and Altar Construction)	$ 8,850.85
Mission Headquarters	$ 2,712.29
Transportation & Hospitality	$ 2,196.37
Total of expenses	$21,444.61
Balance of receipts over Expenses	$ 3,140.43
Total	$24,585.04

Balance of receipts over expenses has been designated as follows:

Gift to Bryan Green for use in his Mission work	$ 1,500.00
For Diocesan Mission work in Bucks County	$ 1,640.43
	$ 3,140.43

Department of Christian Education

Cristo Redentor

The statue, Cristo Redentor, Christ the Redeemer, a picture of which is on the cover, stands on the top of the Corcovado at Rio de Janeiro with arms outstretched. His face turned to the city below and to the sea. The harbor of Rio de Janeiro is considered by many to be the most beautiful in the world. Three hundred and sixty-five mountains—one for each day of the year—rise from its waters and dominating the scene is the Corcovado, 2300 feet high, and on top of it stands this giant statue of Christ the Redeemer. It was erected early in the 1930's by order of the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro to symbolize the faith of the people of that city. The children of our Church Schools will be hearing much about this statue for their Mission study subject this year is "Brazil."

Lent Is Here!

After weeks of thought and preparation—Lent is here! The Lenten Offering Boxes have been dedicated and given out; the mission study program has gotten off to a good start but we realize if this is to be a meaningful Lent, for us and our children, no coasting! We must constantly check what we are doing—Am I growing spiritually by the way I am observing Lent? Am I providing means for my children to grow spiritually as well as intellectually during Lent? Am I putting the right interpretation on the raising of our Lenten Offering—is it giving stimulated by interest, giving through self-sacrifice, giving accompanied by love and prayers?

If you are looking for a personal devotional book to use during Lent do get Father Andrews' "The Way of Victory." A new book that will make good Lenten reading is "The Struggle of the Soul" by Lewis J. Sherrill.

75th Anniversary

Seventy-five years ago a group of boys and girls under the leadership of their Church School Superintendent, Mr. John Marston, after learning about what the Church does at home and abroad, decided they would give all their offerings during Lent to the Church to be used in missionary work. On Easter Day they presented an offering of $200.00.

This was the beginning of the Children's Lenten Offering—in 1877—$200.00 from one little Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. In 1950 $526,679.41 was given by the children of our Church Schools throughout the Church for missionary work. Of this total the children in the Diocese of Pennsylvania gave $67,229.43. Plans are being made for special observance of this event at the Presentation Service on May 25th on the grounds of the Episcopal Academy.

Important Dates

May 3rd—Diocesan Youth Convention

May 4th—Corporate Communion for U.M.C.Y.

May 25th—Presentation Service (75th)

June 22-28—Youth Summer Conference—Haverford College

To Know The Christ — *To Make Him Known*

District Youth Meetings

We often hear—"we read in THE CHURCH NEWS that such and such event is to take place but we seldom hear anything about it afterwards" so—

The five district youth meetings based on "After Bryan Green—what?" were the best attended meetings we have had for a long time—and according to many reports—were definitely among the best! Highlighting the meetings were the Buzz groups that really came to grips with such questions as: 1. What must we *be* as Christians in *addition* to living a "decent life," going to Church, and doing things? And how shall we become such? 2. Why is it important that Christ be God and not just a prophet of God?

Some mighty fine answers showed that some real digging and thinking had taken place. Unless this reporter misinterpreted the reports given on one question—"What must we *be* as Christians . . ." the general feeling was that you must believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the way you "be" a Christian is by obeying the Ten Commandments, going to Church regularly, etc., etc. Living under the Law was to them means of becoming a Christian and not a check on whether or not you were a Christian.

The annual election of district representatives to the Youth Council took place at these meetings and the following were elected:

Chester Convocation
- District I—Nancy Lou Jackson and Robert Schrader
- II—James Lawton and Sally Dallas
- III—Fred Banfield and Shelley Roberts

Germantown Convocation
- District I—Marian Nightlinger and Stanley Baldwin
- II—Robert Worthey and Beatrice Fegeley
- III—Cynthia Lewis and Mary Henry

Norristown Convocation
- Ronald Partridge and Mary Hope Coburn

North Philadelphia
- Thomas Russell and Boyd Johnson

South Philadelphia
- Ward McMasters and Eleanor Preole

West Philadelphia
- Ruth McCuen and Joseph Helms

Audio-Visuals for Youth Groups

The following filmstrips and records are part of our Audio-Visual Library and will be a very effective addition to your study program. Several of them are suggested for use with the study manual "Continue in That Holy Fellowship."

		No. of frames
FS	Boy Meets Girl (script—black and white)	40
FS	Boy Dates Girl (script—black and white)	40
FS	Boy Marries Girl (script—black and white)	40
FS	Focus on Friendliness. G.F.S. (script—color)	51
FS	A Community Looks at its Youth (script—black and white)	47
FS	You and Your Folks (black and white)	46
FS	Family on Trial (records—script—black and white)	85
FS	Is Your Home Fun (records—script—black and white)	50
FS	Getting Along With Your Parents (black and white)	38
FS	It's Your Life (script—black and white)	51

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

The Churchman for Jan. 1, 1952, printed an article by the Rev. Marcel Brun, Curate, Church of St. Sauveur, entitled "Vatican: Political or Spiritual?"

Bishop Armstrong instituted the Rev. William H. Jefferys, Jr., as rector of St. Martin's Church, Radnor, on Friday, January 18.

Bishop Hart instituted the Rev. Benjamin H. Wood as rector of St. Alban's Church, Olney, on Jan. 22.

The Jan. 24 issue of *The Witness* devoted about 10 of its 24 pages to the work of the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission and the organization of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George B. Krantz, vicar of St. Bartholomew's Mission, 25th St. and Lehigh Ave., has been appointed instructor in the School of Theology of Temple University. He will teach courses on the Prayer Book and Church History, and be available as counsellor to students preparing for the ministry of the Episcopal Church.

A much needed new stove has been installed in the House of Rest. The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Thomas' Whitemarsh made a generous contribution toward this project.

Brother Sydney, of the Holy Cross mission in Liberia, recently spoke on his work at Christ Church, Media. His description of the work of the mission was illustrated with colored slides.

The Rev. Packard L. Okie, principal of the Episcopal Village Schools, Cape Mount, Liberia, recently told of his work at a Sunday morning service at St. James Church, Kingsessing.

The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, recently held a supper in the parish house to help raise money for the purchase of a new kitchen stove for that building.

The Rev. E. A. deBordenave, rector of Christ Church, 2d St. above Market, was the leader of the Laymen's Conference in the Diocese of Virginia at Richmond.

The service on Sunday morning, Jan. 27 at St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, was televised. As usual on the fourth Sunday of the month, it was planned especially for children. The Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, the rector, spoke on "How Tall Am I?" illustrating his talk with a collection of many different sorts of measuring rulers.

The Rev. James Mills, rector of Zion Church, Logan, now resides at 3535 W. School House Lane. He maintains office hours at the old rectory each morning.

Dr. John L. Reeman has been appointed Rector's Warden of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, succeeding the late Hon. Charles Sinkler.

Recently when the Rev. Charles E. Tuke, Rector of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, was unable, through illness, to conduct the Sunday morning service, a tape recording of the service was made and later played for his listening in the rectory.

"Young Churchman" is the new name of a weekly bulletin issued by the Church School of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. The front page bears a sketch of the church property, the back page prints the Christian educational program of the church, while in the inside is mimeographed each week the order of service and notes and announcements.

The Hon. Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor of Maryland, on a recent Sunday night spoke at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, on "One Hundred Years for Christ—Onward."

The annual Diocesan Corporate Communion for Men and Boys was held in St. Stephen's Church, 10th above Chestnut St., Sat., Feb. 16, at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast in a nearby restaurant, when the principal speaker was Governor Fine.

St. Andrew's Church, 36th and Baring Sts., has organized a Community Welcome Committee, responsible for welcoming all new comers to the neighborhood. A "Mr. and Mrs. Club" has been organized to enable all married couples of the community to get together for social times and for interesting programs. As a special Lenten activity the Rector is conducting a Monday evening Bible Study Group.

On Theological Education Sunday at St. Martin's Church, Oak Lane, in place of the sermon, there was a "skit" presented by the vicar, the Rev. Edwin A. Garrett III, two lay men and a woman, entitled "Our Common Responsibility." This novel dramatic presentation explained the purposes and methods of seminary training.

The Young People's Fellowship of the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, recently sponsored a Mardi Gras and a spaghetti dinner.

The vestry of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, has awarded contracts for over $20,000 for improvements in the parish house.

The annual banquet of the Church Service league of the Church of the Trinity, Coatesville, was held in the Coach and Four Hotel and the Woman's Auxiliary of the same parish recently held a luncheon in the Parish House, when Mrs. James Ludwig, of West Chester, spoke about the work of the Diocesan Auxiliary.

Several new members were inducted into the Girl's Friendly Society at a recent Sunday morning service at Christ Church, Media.

Steps are being taken to authorize St. Christopher's Church, Gladwyne, to establish a church yard for burials in a five acre tract adjoining the church property. The land has been acquired and the approval of zoning authorities has been obtained.

Rhawnhurst Brotherhood for all men of the community (not a parochial organization) meets twice a month in the parish house of All Saints' Church, Rhawnhurst.

On Ash Wednesday the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, 36th and Baring Streets, presented for the second time their pageant "The Road to Calvary" in the chancel of the church.

The Memorial Church of St. Paul, 15th and Porter Streets, has purchased the dwelling at 2511 S. Lambert Street for a rectory, and has converted the heating system in the church for the use of oil.

Prince of Peace Chapel, 22d and Morris Streets, has purchased the house occupied by the vicar, Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg, located at 2132 Shunk Street.

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And talking about newspapers, the Letters to the Editor is a section reserved for each and every reader. Take advantage of it. If you see a news item or article or editorial that raises a question in your mind, or about which you wish to comment either for or against, write a letter to the editor. If you can mention that you are a member of the Episcopal Church, or bring the Church into the letter without it seeming to be planted or forced, you will be giving us very valuable publicity. But whether or not you mention the Church, take advantage of this writer's platform.

HOME-COMING AT ST. LUKE AND THE EPIPHANY

A Home-Coming for all members of St. Luke and The Epiphany, that have been and are, was planned for the last Sunday of February, February 24th, at the Morning Service. The best research on the history of this Church indicates that it was founded in the month of February of 1836. In the course of these 115 years this Parish has had thousands of Communicants, and many more thousands of friendly visitors. On this February the 24th at eleven o'clock, every member was asked to be present, and every communicant of past years was asked to visit this shrine. For those who were able to remain, tea was served in a brief hour of fellowship.

IN THE DIOCESE

51,526 persons attended 468 worship services in St. Stephen's Church, 10th above Chestnut Street during the year 1951. Two thirds of the total attended week day services.

A Family Hour for Sunday School scholars from third grade and up, together with their parents, was recently held on a Sunday afternoon at All Saints' Church, Wynnewood.

Mrs. John E. Hill conducted an all day Mission Study program on Brazil at All Saints' Church ,Wynnewood.

The Call is the name of the new chapel newspaper for St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton, suggested by Mrs. Harry Booth, Sr. The title came from the lines of the well-known St. Andrew's hymn—"Jesus Calls Us."

A fund for a new or enlarged church has been established at St. Peter's Weldon. The first gift for the purpose was the sum of $250.

In the Church School of Holy Trinity Church, West Chester, Nursery Dept. children and parents met together for the blessing and distribution of the story books used in the work of the department.

The Parent-Teachers Association of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, will hold a benefit theatre party at the Colonial Players Playhouse, in Aldan on the night of Mar. 26.

The magazine *Guideposts* recently contained an article by Mrs. Gustav Meckling, wife of the vicar of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing at St. Stephen's Church, 10th above Chestnut Street. The article relates the way this couple have overcome their handicap and how they minister to others who are deaf.

Miss Muriel Jaisohn, a native of Korea, spoke at a supper meeting of the Couples Club of Christ Church, Media. Her talk on the land and the people was illustrated with pictures of Korea.

Mr. Earl A. Smith, Sr., has been appointed rector's warden of St. James Church, Kingsessing, to succeed Mr. Robert C. Acton, Sr., who has filled this office for ten years, and has now moved out of the parish. A vacancy in the vestry has been filled by Mr. Howard E. Cosgrove.

"The Acts of The Apostles" is the topic of a Bible class taught by the rector, Rev. Harry S. Longley in the parish house of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, on Monday at 7:45 p.m. and Tuesday at 10.45 a.m. for ten weeks. Same instruction at different hours to meet the convenience of different people.

Miss Jane Welte was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Main Line Church School Association at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, on Monday evening, Jan. 21.

The Epiphany Feast of Lights, observed in the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, was also attended by the young people from St. Paul's, Elkins Park; All Hallows, Wyncote; and St. Peter's, Weldon.

The Twentieth Anniversary of St. Faith Church, Brookline, was marked by the annual parish meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22. An interesting program, which included refreshments, was arranged for the occasion.

The Men's Club of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, gave a baked ham supper on Lincoln's Birthday. This was a strictly all-man affair, with the men doing the work. Women were permitted only to eat.

The Girls Friendly Society and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Sts., have presented a memorial to the House of Rest, a gift of much needed equipment for the dining room, in memory of Emma Allabach Gill.

Ever since he was 80 years old the people of St. Stephen's Church, Clifton Heights, have "surprised" their rector, the Rev. George W. Barnes, with a birthday party each year. About 100 persons were on hand for his 85th birthday party on Jan. 22.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Episcopal Hospital, Bishop Hart was re-elected a member of the board for a term of three years. The annual report showed an increase in the number of patients received and days of treatment compared with the preceding year. The offerings from parishes and missions to the hospital in 1951 amounted to $17,515.29.

When the heating system in the rectory at Royersford went out of commission this winter the congregation managed to accumulate about half the cost of replacement. The vestry of St. James, Evansburg, when they heard of the emergency, contributed $100 towards the cost. The balance was paid from missionary funds of the diocese.

Dr. A. T. Mollegen, professor of Christian Ethics at Virginia Seminary spoke to the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania on "Revelation and the Sciences," and "The Atonement" on two evenings in February.

The Choir of the Prince of Peace Chapel, 22d and Morris Streets, needs 25 copies of the music edition of the 1916 Hymnal. The vicar of the chapel, the Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg, 2132 Shunk Street, Phila. 45, will be glad to hear from anyone who can help supply this need.

The Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel, rector of St. George's Church, Ardmore, recently spoke on "Religion in the Home" at a meeting of the Merwood Women's Club held in Haverford Friends' meeting House, Oakmont.

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THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

Five boys from the Episcopal Academy and two faculty members attended the annual conference of independent schools held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., the first weekend in February. Representing Episcopal were Barclay Beahm, warden of the Student Vestry, Lin Knight, Lynne Graburn, Bob Gerhardt and Paul Klingensmith. The Rev. Elbert K. St. Claire, Academy chaplain, and Mr. Anthony W. Ridgway also participated in the conference which was attended by more than 450 delegates from sixty independent schools.

Two corporate communion services were held in February. Bishop Hart was the celebrant at a special service held on February 7th in honor of the eightieth birthday of Dr. Frederick J. Doolittle. Mr. St. Claire conducted the regular Ash Wednesday corporate communion.

Mr. Chase C. Atwood, Jr., has joined the faculty of the Episcopal Academy as a member of the Science Department. Mr. Atwood is a graduate of Horace Mann School and Columbia University.

The scholastic achievements of the students for the first half year were honored at a special Assembly on Thursday, February 7. Thomas B. K. Ringe, Esq., president of the Board assisted Dr. Greville Haslam, headmaster, and the heads of the various departments in recognizing the outstanding achievements of the student body. Robert Develin was announced as having the highest average in the school at midyears.

At this time it was announced that a chapter of the Cum Laude Society had been established at the Academy. This is a national honorary scholastic society at the secondary school level.

The Academy Glee club started its extensive concert schedule this month with appearances with the glee clubs of the Springside School, the Baldwin School and the Shipley School.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SERVICE LEAGUE, NORRISTOWN

There is not a more enthusiastic or hard working group in the diocese than the Service League of St. Augustine's Chapel, Norristown. Over a year ago they raised money enough to install an oil heater for the church and parish house. This year they have been busy renovating the kitchen. A whole new set of cooking utensils was purchased, and four new tables for the dining room needs. The cement floor of both dining room and kitchen is being painted, besides the walls and ceiling of the kitchen. New florescent lights are to be installed. Most of the material has been donated, and the men are doing the work after their regular working hours. The next project is to renovate the organ in the church, adding several additional stops.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The following offerings were made by St. Clement's Church at the end of the past year from the Shrine of *Our Lady of Clemency Fund*:—$25.00 was sent to the Church Farm School; to the Order of the Holy Cross for their Mission in Liberia; to the Bishop of Wyoming for his Motor Car Replacement Fund; and to Berkeley Divinity School. $10.00 was sent to each of the two Houses of the Brotherhood of S. Barnabas; to the American Bible Society; to the Indian Rights Association; to S. Andrew's School in Tennessee; to the Order of S. Francis; to the Poor Clares of Reparation; to the Order of S. Anne for their Coal Fund at Arlington Heights; to the American Church Union; and to the Church Unity Octave. $5.00 was sent to the Christmas Charities Fund of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; to the Rev. George W. Jones of Epiphany Mission in Sherwood, Tennessee; and to the Society of Mary in England.

PENN WYNNE WINS

Mr. William F. Oberhuber, who has been for many years the efficient Accounting Warden of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, has just completed 45 years of service with the Philadelphia Electric Co., where he is maintenance engineer for the physical plants of that company. Some 300 of his fellow workers were in attendance at a dinner in his honor at the Engineers Club recently. Mr. Oberhuber has served as chairman of the building committee for the new Chapel of the Holy Apostles at Penn Wynne. His associates, knowing of his keen interest in this project, presented him with $250 to be used as he sees fit in connection with the chapel.

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Interpreting the New Testament, 1900-1950—Hunter
Theology of the New Testament—Bultman
The One Church in the Light of the New Testament—Craig
Structure of Divine Society—Selwyn
Doctrine of the Incarnation—Mozley
Doctrine of the Atonement—Hodgson
The Scandal of Christianity—Braver
A Short History of Christian Thought—Selwyn
Travail of Religious Liberty—Baintain
Reformation in England—Rourke
English Protestant Tradition—Rupp
This is the Day—Ferris
Man and State—Berggrav
Europe and America—Jenkins
Justification of God—Forsyth
Questions People Ask—McCracken

Books for Lent and Good Friday

The Crucifiers—Abbott, Lyman
The Last Days of Jesus Christ—Abbott, Lyman
Good Friday Addresses on the Words from the Cross—Barbour, Henry A.
Consolations of the Cross—Brent, Bishop C. H.
Seven Last Words of Love—Chapman, H. B.
The Words of Life—Dowley, Powel Mills
Outline Addresses for the Three Hours Devotion—Donovan, Marcus
The Wondrous Passion—Drake, F. W.
The Significance of the Cross—Dillistone, F. W.
Calvary Today—Words from the Cross to Modern Men and Women—Fiske, Charles
The Vigil at the Cross—Goodwin, Frank J.
Forty Days with the Master—Huntington, Bishop
Christ's Victory and Ours—Grant, Frederick C.
At the Foot of the Cross—Jones, W. Henry
Meditations on the Last Seven Words—King, Edward
The Appeal and Claim of Christ. Holy Week Addresses—Moore, Aubrey L.
Meditations on the Passion and Seven Words—Mortimer, Dr. Alfred G.
The Seven Words from the Cross—Nicoll, W. Robertson
The Cross—Our Hope—Sutton, J. Wilson
Personalities of the Passion—Weatherhead, Leslie D.

CITY MISSION WORKS WITH CHILDREN

Two teen-age Greek boys were accepted for care as displaced persons by the Children's Department of the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission during 1951.

The Department was asked to undertake this work by the United States Committee for the Care of European Children at the suggestion of a representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare. The responsibility of the Children's Department of the City Mission under this program is to investigate the homes of relatives who have applied for permission to bring displaced European children to this country with a view to adoption. With the recent United States legislation affecting the importation of Greek children to relatives it has developed into a larger piece of work than originally anticipated. In addition to the two boys who have already arrived, homes have been approved for three other children and applications are pending for four more. These children will remain under the supervision of the Children's Department until they are 21 years of age.

The City Mission has served 70 children during the year 1951. During the year 13 children, representing eight families, were accepted for care. These children ranged in age from two months to nine years. Seventeen children were discharged from care—13 to parents or relatives, two to their own responsibility to remain with foster families, and two to institutions for specialized care which this agency could not offer in a foster home.

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A LAYMAN ANALYZES SOME STATISTICS

By FRANK V. BURTON

I have spent quite a little time going over the vital statistics in the 1952 *Living Church Annual* and there is not much there upon which to felicitate ourselves. In the 10 years from 1941-1950 inclusive, the civilian population in the five counties that constitute the Diocese of Pennsylvania increased from 2,774,678 to 3,142,668, or 13¼%. In the same period, Baptized Persons in the Diocese increased 10¼% and Communicants increased 1¾%; so that we are not keeping up with the growth in population, much less doing anything to bring down the vast number (probably 1½ million) of persons who admit to no connection with any form of corporate Christianity.

To say that we are better off than New York is poor comfort; they have gone backward during the 10 year period in both Baptized Persons and Communicants. Massachusetts was ahead of us in Baptized Persons 10 years ago and has now gone ahead of us in Communicants. It is interesting to follow Bishop Fenner's "assigned confirmation" plan in Kansas. The possibilities of this procedure are reflected in the fact that, in this same 10-year period, communicants have increased 42½%. I did not have time to find out if this record has been exceeded anywhere in the country.

In the country as a whole, the civilian population increased 14½%. In the Church, the growth in Baptized Persons was 22¼% and in Communicants 19¼%; so that, somewhere in the country there are growing Dioceses that help keep the Church ahead of the growth in population. Episcopalians (communicants) now constitute 1 1/7% of the population of the U. S. The ratio has improved to the extent of 1/100%!

CHURCH SCHOOL AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Children's Room at the Cathedral Church of Christ is now complete and the Church School well-established with a constantly increasing enrollment.

The Primary Group, ages four through seven, meets at 10:45 each Sunday morning as does the Nursery Group, ages two and three. The Pre-Confirmation Class meets with The Rev. William L. Witmer at the Vicarage at 10:15 a.m. Interest among the older children in their Church School has been so keen they have been remaining after their class period to attend the later children's activities as well.

Plans now are underway for special children's programs Wednesday afternoons during Lent and for adult programs each Tuesday night.

Parents who would like to attend the eleven o'clock service at the Cathedral are encouraged to bring their children to the Church School at the same time. Appropriate attendance cards will be issued to each visiting child so his own Sunday School attendance will not be interrupted.

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COMMUNISM AND CHRIST

By Charles W. Lowry,
All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase, Ind.

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A LAYMAN ANALYZES SOME STATISTICS

By FRANK V. BURTON

I have spent quite a little time going over the vital statistics in the 1952 *Living Church Annual* and there is not much there upon which to felicitate ourselves. In the 10 years from 1941-1950 inclusive, the civilian population in the five counties that constitute the Diocese of Pennsylvania increased from 2,774,678 to 3,142,668, or 13¼%. In the same period, Baptized Persons in the Diocese increased 10¼% and Communicants increased 1¾%; so that we are not keeping up with the growth in population, much less doing anything to bring down the vast number (probably 1½ million) of persons who admit to no connection with any form of corporate Christianity.

To say that we are better off than New York is poor comfort; they have gone backward during the 10 year period in both Baptized Persons and Communicants. Massachusetts was ahead of us in Baptized Persons 10 years ago and has now gone ahead of us in Communicants. It is interesting to follow Bishop Fenner's "assigned confirmation" plan in Kansas. The possibilities of this procedure are reflected in the fact that, in this same 10-year period, communicants have increased 42½%. I did not have time to find out if this record has been exceeded anywhere in the country.

In the country as a whole, the civilian population increased 14½%. In the Church, the growth in Baptized Persons was 22¼% and in Communicants 19¼%; so that, somewhere in the country there are growing Dioceses that help keep the Church ahead of the growth in population. Episcopalians (communicants) now constitute 1 1/7% of the population of the U. S. The ratio has improved to the extent of 1/100%!

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